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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/689,807

Applicants: Takahiro WATANABE, et al.

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For: LENS SHAPE DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS  
AND LENS GRINDING MACHINE HAVING THE  
SAME APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 3723

Examiner: GRANT, ALVIN J.

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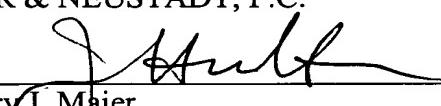
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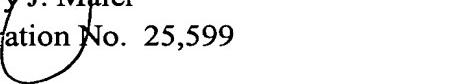
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The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, included at page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed April 13, 2005, characterizes the invention in terms of "an input device," "a lens edge surface shape measuring unit," "a machining unit," and "a memory." Applicants respectfully assert, however, that independent Claims 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, and 25-28 do not recite these features. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that the statement mischaracterizes the invention in unduly narrow terms that are not consistent with the actual claim language.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that the statement is understood not to apply to independent Claims 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, and 25-28, as well as the claims

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depending therefrom, but rather that these claims are allowable for the features recited therein.

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